

LANL Foundation conference draws teachers

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Close to 1,500 people, including teachers, principals, and others, attended the recent Los Alamos National Laboratory Foundation's 15th annual education conference. The speakers included Harry K. and Rosemary Wong on the subject of "Effective Teaching."

Dr. Jeff Goldstein, director of the National Center for Earth and Space Science Education, was also a speaker at the conference and shared his perspective that the United States will have third-world status in 50 years unless students are inspired to compete in the high-tech market place. He was optimistic, telling the teachers "The classroom is not a place; it's a frame of mind. It's not about imparting knowledge – that's on the internet – it's about teaching a set of skills so our children are curious about their universe. You can do this."

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